

Children and Family Services Referrals

Children and Family Services (CFS) / Child Welfare is responsible for child protection, foster care, adoptions, compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act, Independent Living for youth transitioning from the foster care system to adulthood, and the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC).

On June 25, 2004, amendments were made to the Child Abuse and Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA, Public Law 108-36, Sec. 114, 1, xxi). Under these amendments each state is required to develop procedures for the referral of every child under the age of 3 years who is a victim of substantiated child abuse or neglect to early intervention services funded under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) is the lead agency and the Infant Toddler Program is the lead program for children birth to three years old that qualify for early intervention services under federal education law (Part C of IDEA). From that lead position, the Infant Toddler Program coordinates a comprehensive, interagency, multi-disciplinary system that enables eligible children with developmental delays and their families to receive needed services and supports in a timely manner.

Both Children and Family Services are committed to the involvement of parents and other caregivers in services to the maximum extent to which they are able, interested, motivated, or legally required to participate.

Refer to Birth to Three Mandatory Referral Standard and Protocol for Children Referred from CFS to Infant Toddler Program without a Screening for additional information.